

TEMPLETONES

TPC monthly newsletter—SEPT/OCT2025

Blessings to you my friends!

As we move into the fall season there are lots of exciting ministry opportunities for us be aware of and support! First, on Sunday, September 14th we have the opportunity to celebrate our new Assistant Pastor, Joy Scarpuzzi in her installation service. This is a special time to come alongside Joy and show our support and encouragement for her call to serve in our community. The service will include members from our church, presbytery, and Joy's family. Please make your best effort to attend this joyous occasion. Also in September we have an opportunity to support our community in the fundraiser for the Templeton Feed and Grain. **This will happen on Sunday, September 21st. We will be having our service one hour earlier this day at 9am**, and our church has also contributed to the cause to be a sponsor of the event. You'll find our name on the t-shirt that will be available! You can do your part by just joining in and having a good time as funds are raised for the rebuilding this icon of our community.

Looking ahead, we have other exciting ministry happenings as we get closer to the ground-breaking for our sanctuary/chapel remodel, the ECHO Long Walk Home fundraiser, Blessing of the Pets in Templeton Park, and new Bible studies and group events happening throughout the church. I pray this new season will be a time for reinvigoration as we continue to become the church God has called us to be in Christ Jesus.

Happy fall, and I look forward to being the church with you!

Pastor Roger



*Celebrating
God's Faithfulness*

AT THE
INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR
REV. JOY SCARPUZZI

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025 | 4 PM

light reception to follow

The graphic features a decorative border of pink and orange roses and green leaves. On the right side, there is a small icon of a stained glass window with a cross design.

SEPT 21

Service start time:
9:00AM

To accommodate
**Templeton Feed & Grain
fundraiser**

A large, round analog clock with a white face and black numbers. The hour hand is pointing at 9 and the minute hand is pointing at 12, indicating 9:00 AM.

**GREAT
FOOD**

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

8 AM

SEPT 13
BUTLER HALL

GREAT FELLOWSHIP

A photograph of a white plate filled with breakfast food, including fried eggs, bacon, sausage, and hash browns.



LONG WALK HOME



TPC is putting together a team for ECHO's annual **Long Walk Home**

fundraiser coming up on Sept.20 in Atascadero. Participants can register by scanning the QR code below or by going to:

echoshelter.org/long-walk-home.

You are also encouraged to check in with Frank Bush (805/466-6012) who is coordinating the TPC group.

LONG WALK HOME

SAVE THE DATE

SEP. 20TH



CHECK IN: 10AM



**\$40 PRESALE TICKET
INCLUDES BBQ
LUNCH & T-SHIRT**



**6370 ATASCADERO
AVENUE,
ATASCADERO, CA**



SCAN HERE



When was the last time you looked at the stars? One night, the outside light at my place was out, and as I fumbled to find the right key in the darkness outside my apartment, I happened to look up.

Through the trees, I saw the stars and it hit me. I was so busy trying to get inside that I hadn't taken the time to simply look at them since I moved.

The Bible mentions stars in several passages. Maybe the verse that comes to mind for you is Psalm 8:3-4: *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and **the stars**, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"*

Or perhaps it's a verse like Philippians 2:15, which inspires us with a new way of life in Christ: *"... Then you will shine among them like **stars** in the sky"* Both are amazing reminders of God's creativity in nature and of what it looks like to follow Him in a dark world.

But the passage that came to my mind was Genesis 15:5: *"He took him [Abraham] outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'"*

God promised Abraham that his descendants would be like the stars. What an incredible promise! Looking back, we see how God fulfilled it: from Abraham, God created a nation. Yet we often gloss over the fact that this promise was given to a man and his wife at what seemed like a hopeless point in their lives. They had no children, and by human standards there was no way to fix it. Here we see God taking Abraham on a "nature tour" to give him a glimpse of what His promise would look like.

I wonder how many times, in the 25 years that followed before the promise was fulfilled, Abraham looked up at those same stars and thought: *Did I just imagine God said that? It's been 5, 10, 15, 20 years. Maybe God has forgotten about Sarah and me.*

This summer, I got to teach this lesson to 70 kids in grades K-8. I handed out glow-in-the-dark stars, like the ones that once covered my childhood bedroom ceiling. The big idea for them and for us, is this: **When God promises, God will provide.**

I don't know what promises you've been waiting on this past week, month, or year. I'm here to remind you: God has not forgotten. He doesn't accidentally fail to follow through the way we humans sometimes do.

So the next time you look at the stars, remember: **When God promises, God will provide.**



Last Chance to Discover your Spiritual Gifts in 2025!

The Spiritual Gifts Ministry Team is facilitating Spiritual Gifts Workshops in September and October. Join us to discover the unique gifts God has given you to receive, explore and use in service to others at TPC, within your family and in your community.

Sign up by September 14th in Butler Hall to attend our Spiritual Gifts Workshop Series:

Day	Introductory Workshop	Follow up Workshop	Time	Participant Groups
Sunday	September 21	September 28	After worship	Group G
Sunday	October 19	October 26	After worship	Group H

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
the book of GALATIANS
STARTING UP: SEPT 9 6:15PM
NEIL'S OFFICE (CLAVO CELLARS)
315 S. Main St Templeton

DEACON'S CORNER

It's time to talk Turkey...well, it's getting close anyway! As you may know, it is a TPC tradition to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to nearly 100 families (over 400 people) in our North County area. There are lots of ways to participate. Look for opportunities to donate to the DEACONS FUND, from which all the food is purchased. In late October there will be sign-up sheets to help with pick up and organization of items on Friday, November 21 and packing of items on Saturday, November 22. EVERYONE can help in providing a Happy Thanksgiving and sharing some encouraging words in their baskets as well as praying over the food.

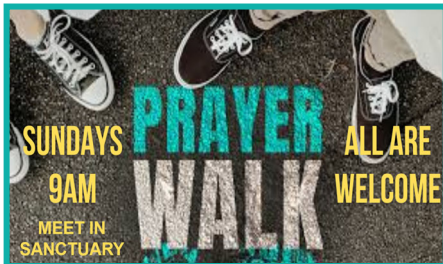
Add your smiling face to the directory.

PICTURE DAY
SEPT. 14 (Before/After worship)



SHOEBOX Kickoff OCT. 19

Boxes due
Nov. 16



Honoring TPC's Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

As the Prayer Ministry is expanding and prayer is inserted into our church life more and more, I feel compelled to honor a special group of women that have been praying together, on Tuesday mornings for several years. Those ladies are: Betty Dawson, SheilaKaye Howard, and Sally Bonsack.

This group was started many years ago by the Gahms with about 10 participants. As Betty told me, "The table was full." Most of those folks have left the team for various reasons, but these three have continued on in their devotion to prayer for this congregation. These ladies pray for the prayer requests from worship, the Monday night Bible study and persons receiving a voucher from our church office that request prayers for their lives.

In the past, Betty and her husband Dean would also do "Prayer Walks" and pray as a team for others after worship. Lois Ecklund says, "When Betty walked around the church praying she would see a dove perched nearby."

We would love to expand this Tuesday group. Betty is the "original prayer warrior", and she is a wonderful role model. Please come join her on Tuesday mornings!

For more information, contact Yvonne Hoffman (925) 586-1151—she is Betty's current trainee.

Remember: "Pray about everything!"
Yvonne

